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Title: SOFTWARE INSTALLATION AND VALIDATION USING  
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As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SOFTWARE INSTALLATION AND VALIDATION USING CUSTOM ACTIONS, the specification of which was filed on November 26, 2001, as United States Patent Application No. 09/994,254, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/157,776, filed September 21, 1998, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,378,127.

I hereby declare that the subject matter of the Preliminary Amendment filed on November 26, 2001 and the Amendment filed on June 24, 2004 was part of the invention and was invented before the filing date of the above-identified original application for such invention.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by the amendments specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

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